

Eugene Police Department Commendations

June 2018



The Eugene Police Department received 23 commendations from citizens in June, 2018. Below is a sample of those commendations.

- A citizen commended an officer for their tenacity when the officer enforced a traffic infraction near a busy intersection. The citizen had witnessed a driver failing to yield to a semi-truck and nearly causing a major accident. The citizen commented, "He's the only person I've seen pull somebody over for having done it. It happens at least a couple times every day. I just want to say Thank You!"
- Officers were commended by a citizen for the positive interaction the citizen that took place when their vehicle had been stolen. During a very stressful situation, the citizen felt that the officers were very "calming" in the way they dealt with the incident. Their demeanor was able to put the citizen at ease and the citizen's vehicle was found later. The citizen commented, "They were just nice people and both did their jobs really well."
- A citizen commended a community service officer for their "positive support" when the citizen had filed a 'Missing Person' report when their son had not been heard from for an extended period of time. The citizen's son was later located, but the citizen was still grateful for the assistance they received from the community service officer throughout the event. The citizen commented, "He was so supportive, so understanding and was really helpful to me."
- Detectives were commended by a citizen for the professionalism displayed when the detectives had stopped the citizen as part of a search for a 'Burglary' suspect. The citizen's belongings were searched to confirm they were not the suspect the detectives were looking for. The citizen commented, "They were very polite and super professional."
- A citizen submitted a letter of appreciation for a detective, recognizing the detective for their devotion and professionalism in a 'Luring a Minor' case, where the citizen's daughter was a victim. The citizen commented, "I want all to know that (detective's name) is not only a great detective, she is an incredible human being. She is kind, caring and compassionate. She is a fierce fighter and justice warrior. She has taken the time to reach out on a personal level to my daughter to be sure that she has the support she needs."

- The sheriff from an outside agency submitted a 'Thank You' letter commending EPD employees for the forensic assistance they provided in regards to an officer involved shooting that had taken place in their jurisdiction. Their department had two major incidents that took place simultaneously, stretching their resources thin. EPD employees were able to assist in alleviating the stresses caused by the two events. The sheriff from the outside agency commented, "With their photography, 3D scanner and their forensics skills, your team provided the needed talent, help and assistance to successfully complete the investigation of a major assault/homicide involving multiple victims. I wish to extend my gratitude to you and your fine employees for both their assistance and professionalism."
- A citizen submitted a letter thanking members of the Eugene Police Department for their patrol efforts within the citizen's neighborhood. The citizen commented, "Thank you for all your time, care and dedication to the problem here. It is paying off!"
- Detectives were commended by a citizen for the time and hard work put in related to a murder case where the victim was the citizen's best friend. The citizen commented, "In the most horrible time in our lives, he made it a little less horrible. While that might not seem like a big deal, it is a big...big deal."
- A citizen commended the Eugene Police Department for their efforts in removing campers/trespassers near a vacant house next to the citizen's residence. In the past, when trespassers were located in the area, drug paraphernalia and crime have followed. The citizen has been very impressed with the patrolling efforts in the area. The citizen commented, "I appreciate that people are taking it serious by driving thru and keeping it clean."
- An officer was commended by a citizen for the positive interaction and professionalism displayed when the citizen was cited for not having any updated proof of insurance available at the time they were pulled over. The citizen understood that this unfortunate circumstance was an error on the citizen's part and the officer had to uphold the law, but felt the officer did so in a very professional manner. The citizen commented, "He was super-duper friendly and was just really kind! Super grateful for the good experience!"
- A citizen commended the Eugene Police Department for the extra patrol efforts they have witnessed in the Downtown corridor. The citizen lives Downtown and expressed that they have seen great improvements in regards to the safety in the area. The citizen commented, "I want to thank the police for making it so secure for us so that we can go out at night. That wasn't true for a long time."